

**State of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars
Voice of Democracy/ Patriot's Pen Competition
School & Parent Release Form
2026 – 2027 Program**

In the event that student _____ is selected as a District **First Place Winner** and entered into the 2026 - 2027 State of Michigan Voice of Democracy or Patriot's Pen Program to be held in Kalamazoo, Michigan, January 20 to January 24, 2027, please complete this form with all requested signatures.

We are requesting that the above-named student be excused from all school/sport activities on Friday January 22, 2027, and Saturday January 23, 2027, without penalty. This signed release form is to confirm a mutual understanding between the school, the above-named student and the student's parents or legal guardian, on attending the State of Michigan Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen Program.

All student activities in the Kalamazoo area will be planned for Friday January 22, 2027 and January 23, 2027 and may require travel on January 21, 2027 and January 24, 2027.

Mike Martin
Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen
Director State of Michigan
Veterans of Foreign Wars

Date _____ Signature _____
School Principal or other official

Date _____ Signature _____
Student

Date _____ Signature _____
Parent/Legal Guardian

VFW District Chairperson: Please forward this completed release form along with all other mandatory materials to the State Director.